

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 842

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to recognize Darrell Ailshie on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Darrell Ailshie, general manager for Tennessee Livestock Producers (TLP), who retired at the end of 2019 after thirty-one years of dedicated service with Tennessee Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Darrell Ailshie began his career with Tennessee Farm Bureau in 1988 as field staff for sixteen southeast counties; he quickly moved up the ranks and was named director of market development for TLP in November 1993. He assumed the position of general manager in July 1996; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as general manager, he oversaw the creation and expansion of many innovative programs in Tennessee, including video sales, sheep and goat sales, Tennessee Beef Alliance, and genetics bull and heifer programs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ailshie graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UT), with a bachelor's degree in agricultural education; prior to joining Tennessee Farm Bureau, he spent three years at the UT Agriculture Extension Service; and

WHEREAS, ever dedicated to his community, Mr. Ailshie finds any opportunity to provide services and support to local 4-H and FFA programs; he also serves on the board of directors and executive committee for the National Livestock Producers Association (NLPA) and the NLPA Sheep and Goat Fund, is treasurer and past president of the Tennessee Livestock Marketing Association, and serves on the American Angus Association's Feeder Cattle Committee; and

WHEREAS, he is a former member of the UT College of Veterinary Medicine Board of Advisors and former chairman of the UT Agricultural Alumni Council, and he has twice served as a judge for the World Livestock Auctioneer Contest; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Darrell Ailshie was the recipient of the American Hereford Association's 2010 Innovator Award for development and implementation of a Hereford marketing program that is now being used across the nation; and

WHEREAS, a Newport native, Mr. Ailshie currently resides in Columbia with his wife, JoDee Ailshie. They are the proud parents of Alex (Kandice) and Ashlee (Will) and grandparents of Annabelle; the Ailshies plan to spend retirement enjoying time with their loving family; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout faith, Mr. Ailshie and his family are active members of Westminster Presbyterian Church, where he serves as an elder; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ailshie exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Darrell Ailshie demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Darrell Ailshie our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.